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1. FROM OUR VANTAGEPOINT AT FAR CORNER OF PENINSULA, WE FAIL TO SEE WHAT ADVANTAGE U.S. MIGHT GAIN FROM RUSHING TOWARD REESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH YEMEN. UNLESS AND UNTIL THERE IS MORE EVIDENCE THAN AT PRESENT THAT SAUDI ARABIA'S 1975-77 POLICY INITIATIVE TOWARD PDRY IS PRODUCING A HEALTHY EFFECT, SIMILAR MOVEMENT ON OUR PART WOULD SEEM TO HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF HUMANIZING THE ADEN REGIME,NO MATTER WHAT RESOURCES WE BROUGHT INTO PLAY ONCE RELATIONS WERE REESTABLISHED. TO US, PRESENT "PASSIVE" POLICY STILL SEEMS APPROPRIATE.

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2. ONE PARTICULAR POINT VIS-AVIS OMAN: OUR HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE CONSIDERABLE UMBRAGE SHOULD IT LEARN, AT THIS TIME WHEN IT IS EXPECTING SOON TO HEAR FROM US ABOUT POSSIBLE FORMS OF US-OMANI COOPERATION IN SECURITY FIELD, THAT USG IS SUDDENLY ABOUT TO BE NEGOTIATING WITH PDRY FOR A REENTRY INTO ADEN. THE OMANIS MAY FIND IT PLAUSIBLE, THOUGH FRUSTRATING, THAT WASHINGTON ENCOUNTERS DELAYS IN

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FOCUSING ON WHAT, IF ANY, FUTURE SECURITY RELATIONSHIPS IT WISHES TO HAVE WITH THE SULTANATE BECAUSE OF PREOCCUPATION WITH ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM OR WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH AREA GIANTS SUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN. BUT THEY WOULD BE UTTERLY PERPLEXED AND UPSET IF SOMEHOW THEY WERE BROUGHT TO BELIEVE THAT WHILE WE ARE STILL IN A HOLDING PATTERN ON RELATIONSHIPS WITH OMAN THAT WE STARTED TO DISCUSS 2 YEARS AGO, WE NONETHELESS HAVE TIME TO DEVOTE TO POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH PDRY.
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